

The decision of Sinclair Broadcasting to force its stations to air the documentary, Stolen Honor just weeks before the election is an abuse of the air waves and is an example of why Congress and the FCC need to restrict media ownership and increase local control of programming.

Sinclair is obligated by law to serve the public interest since it uses the public airwaves free of charge. When large companies control the air waves it increases the opportunity for this type of inequity which is not only unfair but is harmful to our democracy and is an example of the dangers of media consolidation.

This is why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. In a democracy all sides need to be given the same opportunity to air their views.

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